

## **DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY**

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April 28, 2023

Mrs. Lori Miller Polytechnic Industries 14 Roland Ave Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054

Mrs. Miller,

This letter responds to your April 26, 2023, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, assigned DLA FOIA case number DLA-2023-000921 for copies of the abstracts of offers and offerors listed resulting from your PO list.

Enclosed are the records we have in response to your request which are released in part pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4) and 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5).

Due to changes in the DoD FOIA Regulation (32 CFR Part 286, Jan. 5, 2017) and following consultation with DLA Office of General Counsel, DLA has determined that releasing both the CAGE code and the unit price bid of losing bidders would likely constitute release of commercial proprietary information.

As economic theory more strongly supports the value to the market of release of unit price bid vice CAGE code, DLA has determined that the CAGE code of losing bidders must be withheld in accordance with Exemption 4 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). Pursuant to Exemption 4, certain non-government financial information is exempt from disclosure. Exemption 4 protects: trade secrets; or information that is commercial or financial, obtained from a person or entity outside of the U.S. Government, and privileged or confidential.

Internal control numbers associated with funding citations as well as pricing logic elements are withheld under Exemption 5 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), which protects internal deliberative records and records the release of which would likely place the government at a competitive disadvantage in the procurement process.

You have the right to appeal this partial denial. An appeal must be made in writing to the General Counsel and reach the General Counsel's Office within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter, and no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time. The appeal should include your reasons for reconsideration and enclose a copy of this letter. An appeal may be submitted online at <a href="https://foiaonline.gov">https://foiaonline.gov</a>; or by email to: <a href="https://foiaonline.gov">Kenneth.Sharrett@dla.mil</a>; or by mail to: The Office of General Counsel, Defense Logistics Agency, Suite: 1644, ATTN: FOIA Appeal, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060-6221

This agency decision concludes the processing of your request(s) referred to above. Both OGIS and the DLA Public Liaison will assist in resolving disputes between FOIA requesters and DLA as a non-exclusive alternative to appeal. Using OGIS or the DLA FOIA Public Liaison does not affect your right to pursue appeal, nor does it stay the appeal clock. You may contact OGIS or the DLA Public Liaison in any of the following ways:

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The balance for your FOIA request for \$48.00 on the enclosed invoice is now due. For greater payment efficiency, our agency no longer accepts mailed checks and money orders. Please go to pay.gov for payment options. Please go to the website, place "dla" in the search, scroll down and choose DFAS Columbus Form 6335. Attached for your convenience is a step-by-step instruction guide for using pay.gov. Please email your payment confirmation (receipt) to Foia payment@dla.mil, so we can properly credit your FOIA account.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Judith Mansfield at judith.mansfield@dla.mil, 269-961-4513. Please reference DLA-2023-000921 in any subsequent communication.

Sincerely,

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